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## **WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY**

**WEST VIRGINIA -- Cattle inventory** in West Virginia as of January 1, 2005 totaled 405,000 head, up 25,000 head or 7 percent from the January 1, 2004 inventory of 380,000 head. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 210,000 head, up 10,000 head or 5 percent from January 1, 2004.

Comparing January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2004: **Beef cows** totaled 197,000 head, up 11,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 13,000, down 1,000 head; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 70,000 head, up 5,000 head; **beef replacement heifers**, 45,000 head, up 5,000 head; **milk replacement heifers**, 4,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers**, at 21,000 head, unchanged; **steers 500 pounds and over** at 35,000 head, unchanged; **bulls 500 pounds and over** at 15,000 head, unchanged; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 75,000, up 10,000 head. **Cattle on feed** totaled 7,000 head, up 2,000 head from 2004.

The 2004 **calf crop** totaled 190,000 head, up 5,000 head from the 2003 calf crop.

**UNITED STATES -- All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004.

Comparing January 1, 2005, to January 1, 2004: **Beef cows** totaled 33.06 million head, up 1 percent; **milk cows** totaled 9.01 million, were up slightly; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 19.7 million, up 2 percent; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.75 million, up 4 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.13 million, up 3 percent; **other heifers**, 9.79 million, down slightly; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 16.5 million, up 1 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 2.22 million, up 1 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 15.4 million, up 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** totaled 13.7 million, down slightly.

The 2004 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. **Calves born** during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.